



ST MARIE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

*'Following the teachings of Christ, so that we
are His hands and feet!'*

18th September 2026

'Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

Matthew 20:15-16

Sacramental Programme Tuesday 22nd September at 3.15pm

The Welcome meeting for any parents/carers of children on this years' Sacramental Programme will take place on Tuesday 22nd September at 3.15pm in the main hall.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: Thursday 24th September

Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place on Thursday 24th September from 8.35am. Please do come along as join us as we support his important charity. We know the important work this charity do to support those living with cancer and their families.

After school Enrichment clubs (Year 1-Year 6)

All after school clubs start next week. All of the information has been sent out via the Arbor App and waiting lists are held for all clubs so if your child requested more than 1 club and has not been given these then they will automatically go on the waiting list.

School Uniform

It has been great to see all of the children looking smart in full school uniform. Thank you for this. Please do ensure that all uniform is labelled (especially jumpers which have a habit of getting lost!) and that children bring a coat to school, even if the weather is sunny - just in case. A polite reminder that school shoes must be worn for school and not black trainers (except in Nursery/Reception where black trainers are permitted).

Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school. PE consists of a white T-shirt and black shorts. Pumps must be worn inside and trainers are allowed for outside only. Plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings can be worn for outside lessons.

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Home Readers (Year 1 – Year 6)

All of the children will have their new reading books sent home next week if not already. The children will read their home reading book at least once a week in school and if it is finished and the children are ready to move on, their reading book will be changed - once a week. It is important that the children can read the book with confidence and discuss the events well. If your child has completed their book once, read it again and again if necessary. It is more effective to read a few pages and have a good discussion about the book each night rather than reading straight through every night. Please do write in the reading record when you have read with your child each evening.

We actively encourage all of our children to read a range of books so of course, if your child has read their reading book a number of times, then encourage them to read other books. These can be recorded in the reading record too should you wish.

Guided Reading

As well as reading 'home readers' in school all of the children will be taking part in daily phonics and/or guided reading sessions whereby the teacher explicitly teaches the skills of reading to the children.

Very soon, the children will be bringing home a school library book to enjoy as well.

Free School Meals

The guidelines for Free School Meals entitlements has changed over the Summer months. We are now using a new site www.lgfl.co.uk to ascertain whether a child is eligible for free school meals. We ask all parents to enter their details onto the system – it literally takes a minute – and a decision is instant. This will also need to be done for ALL children who currently have FSM status and Mrs Barber has sent out letters to those concerned. This new systems links to school so if a parent enters the details themselves we will be notified of this. Should anyone be struggling with this please do call in and speak with Mrs Barber. We ask that these checks are done immediately in order for any child not to lose their entitlement.

Support and Help

It is really important to us at school to know that if any parents/families are struggling for whatever reason then we are here to help as much as we can - please do speak to the class teachers or directly to myself if you need any support in any way. Sometimes we can direct you to other professionals for support or we may be able to help ourselves. We are here to help.

Attendance Matters

As a school, we have always had really good attendance compared to other schools in the local authority. Good attendance is everyone's responsibility and we must maintain this and continue to improve. There is currently a renewed drive from the Department of Education and schools must to seen to promote excellent attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times that children cannot come into school and individual children that we know about have medical conditions that impact on their health, we still need to do everything as a school to promote and celebrate excellent attendance.

Class attendances for this week.

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	97.8%
Year One	97.7%
Year Two	99.6%
Year Three	96.5%
Year Four	95%
Year Five	95.1%
Year Six	98.9%

Well done to Year 2 for having the best attendance this week!

The class with the best attendance will receive an extra playtime each week.

Celebration Assembly

Our weekly celebration assemblies will take place at **2.30pm** on a Friday afternoon starting next week. All parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. If your child has been awarded a certificate, you will be sent a message the day before to invite you to the assembly, should you wish/be able to attend. Please note that our all Reception children will not come to assemblies just yet as they settle into their new classroom and routines. Should your child be receiving the certificate you will be notified should you wish to come and join us for the assembly.

This week we congratulate the following children:

Nursery	-	-
Reception	-	-
Year 1	Naomi Green	For trying her best in every single piece of work!
Year 2	Thomas O'Connor Zofia Oles	For working really hard on their handwriting this week.
Year 3	Mehdi Khan	For his excellent drive and effort in Maths – keep it up!
Year 4	Minahil Shabbir	For representing our school so beautifully on our trip to Jorvic! What an excellent member of Year 4!

Year 5	Gabriel Kedzerski	For excellent participation in ALL lessons! Well done Gabriel and keep it up!
Year 6	Ismail Ali	For amazing progress in Maths
Mr McRae	Alife Campbell	For being a St. Marie's superstar

Where a child's name has not appeared on the table above, it is because permission has not been given to include names on newsletters etc. Please contact the school office to amend this if needed for the future

A Final Note

We had our start of the new school year mass yesterday. Thank you to those parents and family members who were able to join us - we appreciate it. The children were excellent as always and the Year 6 children read beautifully. Today (18th September) is the feast day of St Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th Century saint who wrote a lot about nature and our relationship with God. I hope this weekend we can all spend some time both in nature and with God.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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